

SHINOHARA, Tsutomu et al.

Preliminary Amendment filed August 4, 2006
(§371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/016462)

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to remove multiple dependent claims.

The above amendments are believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit
Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP



William L. Brooks
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 34,129

WLB/aoa
Atty. Docket No. 060540
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE